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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendments, which begin on page 2 hereof, and Remarks, which begin on page 8 hereof.

Please amend the claims of the subject application as indicated herein.

Applicant does not believe that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then Applicant hereby petitions for same under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request that the extension or other fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to Deposit Account No. 07-2347.

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